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POLITICAL

JAPANESE INTERPRETATION OF SOVIET ATTITUDE TOWARD DISARMAMENT -- Tokyo
Shimbun, 29 Jun 60

Inside the USSR, the U-2 incident exposed the weaknesses of Soviet air defenses, aroused sentiments against disarmament, and led to demands for establishing a "flexible defense" strategy based on the use of missiles and all other weapons instead of the previous reliance on large missiles alone. In the recent Bucharest conference, it seemed as though Khrushchev's peaceful coexistence line had been unanimously accepted, but in reality, Communist China's view that "disarmament is an unrealistic fantasy" had been approved. This resulted in the USSR's switch to a tough line against Western Europe. Thus, if the USSR decides on disarmament with the US without Communist Chinese participation, the USSR will have no restraining power over China, and this would probably result in an unstable situation within the bloc.

Therefore, it appears that the USSR wants Communist China to become a member of the UN and wants disarmament negotiations to be held in the UN to bind Communist China. This was indicated by Soviet disarmament delegation leader Zorin's remarks when he said, "In addition to the representatives from the present ten nations, it is essential that other countries participate in the disarmament deliberations." "Other countries" specifically refers to Communist China.

In summary, it is believed that the Soviet reasons for their walk-out during the recent Geneva disarmament conference were (1) Communist China's objection to disarmament, (2) increasing sentiment within the USSR against disarmament, and (3) the Soviet desire to conduct disarmament negotiations in the UN with more than the ten countries now participating so as to use the UN as an arena for propaganda toward other countries, against countries furnishing military bases to the US, and for achieving the ultimate goal of isolating "American imperialism."

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SICILIAN DEMOCRATIC LABOR SPLINTER UNION GOES COMMUNIST -- Rome, Avanti!,
5 Jul 60

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On 4 July 1960, the COSILS (Labor Congress of Sicilian Workers) decided to join the [Communist] CGIL (Italian General Confederation of Labor). COSILS had been formed by labor groups influenced by Silvio Milazzo, when they broke away from the CISL (Italian Confederation of Free Trade Unions), following Luigi Vajola, Caltanissetta provincial secretary of the CISL. The break took place when the CISL "adopted an anti-Milazzo position, becoming a tool of the Christian Democratic Party and violating the principle of labor autonomy." The newcomers to the CGIL will take their place in the Social Christian wing.

ECONOMIC

GREEK FREIGHTERS MAY SOON TRANSPORT CZECHOSLOVAK GOODS -- Munich, Deutsche
Woche, 13 Jul 60

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Trade between Greece and Czechoslovakia has constantly increased in recent years. Aside from the exchange of goods, there has been an exchange of services. Thus, the possibility is now being discussed of using Greek freighters for transporting Czechoslovak goods.

[Comment: Information on Soviet use of Greek freighters for the transport of goods appears in Foreign Press Bulletin, 6 July 1960.]

VIETNAMESE BUILD NEW ROAD IN THAI ME0 AUTONOMOUS ZONE -- Hanoi, Nhan Dan,
22 Jun 60

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A new automobile highway, replacing a narrow, difficult road from Nam Cay Village to Tsinh Ho, a district seat in the Thai Meo Autonomous Zone, has just been completed. A 26-kilometer section of the road, 3-4 meters wide, which links Muong Lai District with Tsinh Ho, together with a network of roads connecting Tsinh Ho with neighboring areas at lower elevations, make up a total of 46 kilometers of new roads built to facilitate travel and the transport of goods in this area.

CHINESE RATION SOME CONSUMER GOODS AND FOODSTUFFS -- Peiping, Ta Kung Pao,
12 Jun 60, p 3

CPYRGHT

Because of the general rise in the living standards of the members of one commune in Fukien Province, the rate of consumption in such major consumer goods as auxiliary foodstuffs and clothing has far exceeded the

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rate production and supply. Under such conditions, the logical distribution of commercial goods, the guided consumption, and the organization and arrangement of the economic life of commune members have become important tasks for rural commercial work. Since 1959, logical distribution has been applied to some commercial goods which were temporarily in short supply; for example, fixed rations of sugar were supplied on presentation of certificates, and fish products were allocated according to the size of population and supplied by mess halls. On some other general commercial goods, the purchasing and sales centers logically regulate the supply to the various large corps based on the factors of purchasing power and consumers habits.

INSTALLATION FOR USSR COBALT PRODUCTION -- Moscow, Pravda, 1 Jul 60

The Mining and Metallurgical Combine imeni A. P. Zavenyagin in Noril'sk has set up the first semiautomatic installation in the world for the "extractive separation" of heavy metals. The production of cobalt of an extremely high purity is now under way.

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